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1. FRENCH MISOFF HANDLING AFRICAN AFFAIRS TELEPHONED US MARCH 7. HE OBSERVED THAT QUAI OPPOSED INVOKING CHAPTER VII CONCERNING EITHER NAMIBIA OR SOUTH AFRICA, BUT PREFERRED APPLYING IT IN CASE OF NAMIBIA SHOULD DECISION BE MADE TO APPLY IT AT ALL. FRENCH MISOFF ADDED THAT SHOULD USG DECIDE TO ACCEPT CHAPTER VII IN CASE OF NAMIBIA, AND WISH NAMIBIA DEBATE IN MARCH, WORD WOULD HAVE TO GET OUT TO SOUTH AFRICAN "NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS" REPS HERE SOON,IN ORDER THAT THEY MAY DELAY THEIR PLANS TO MOVE AHEAD ON APARTHEID DEBATE MARCH 21. FRENCH BELIEVE THAT "MODERATE" FRANCOPHONE AFRICANS ALSO WOULD PREFER CHAPTER VII BE APPLIED IN CASE OF NAMIBIA RATHER THAN OVER APARTHEID.

2. FRENCH MISOFF SAID THAT INSTRUCTIONS WERE CONFIDENTIAL.

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TO SUPPORT US POSITION CONCERNING CHAPTER VII SHOULD IT BE BASED ON "US STRATEGY, RATHER THAN AS A POLITICAL GESTURE". FRENCH WOULD PREFER CHAPTER VII APPLICATION, IF NECESSARY, TO BE MADE IN MAY RATHER THAN IN MARCH. BY MAY, FRENCH MISOFF REASONS, SC WOULD HAVE HAD CHANCE TO WARN SOUTH AFRICA CONCERNING POSSIBILITY OF CHAPTER VII THROUGH THREAT IN RESOLUTION TO BE ADOPTED CONCERNING

APARTHEID, AND THREAT ALSO WOULD HAVE BEEN MADE IN WESTERN
DEMARCHES TO SAG CONCERNING NAMIBIA.
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